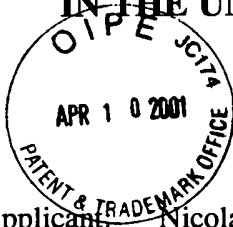


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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2000, for which the period for response has been extended by virtue of the accompanying petition and fee, applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-66 are pending. Claims 23-58, and 64-66 are withdrawn from consideration.
Claims 1-22 and 59-63 are rejected. Claims 1-66 remain in the case.

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